

## Organ Donation: Court Faults Donor Screening.

The Superior Court of Massachusetts ruled recently that two registered nurses employed by an organ bank who were involved in the screening and evaluation of a now-deceased recipient's transplant liver must share legal liability with the other healthcare professionals who were sued by the recipient's widow for malpractice and wrongful death.

### **Lymphadenopathy on Chest X-rays Metastasis to be Ruled Out**

Specifically, according to the court record the donor died from a rare brain cancer. While still alive his chest x-rays had revealed evidence of lymphadenopathy. The court believed these facts warranted concern as to the possibility of metastasis to the liver and other organs which would have made his organs unsuitable for transplantation. The recipient in fact died from metastatic cancer present in his transplant liver. Gonzales v. Katz, 2006 WL 2424820 (Mass. Super., July 19, 2006).